

**Resolution Recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the Friends of Libraries Section
of the New York Library Association**

Whereas the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association (NYLA), a state chapter of the American Library Association, celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2022;

Whereas the Friends of Libraries Section of NYLA's mission is to: *"Create a network to connect and inspire Friends groups in all types of libraries to support the New York library community"*;

Whereas the NYLA Library Friends Roundtable was established in October 1992 at NYLA's Annual Conference in Lake Placid to provide a forum for an exchange of information, to promote cooperative efforts among individuals, and be active in community Friends groups to encourage and assist in the establishment of new Friends groups across New York State;

Whereas Friends of the Library groups understand the importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that libraries get the resources they need to provide a comprehensive array of specialized services for all ages, including access to materials in a wide variety of formats, expert guidance in research, and readers' advisory assistance;

Whereas Friends of the Library groups provide volunteers and direct financial assistance to enhance library resources for extra programming, special events, equipment, furnishings, and other items outside the scope of the library's annual operating budget; and

Whereas dedicated members of the Friends of Libraries are examples of how volunteerism can lead to positive civic engagement and the betterment of local communities; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Congratulates and commends the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association (NYLA) for 30 years of persistent effort in fulfilling their mission.

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